



From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

Last month, Police Chaplains Ministry hosted almost 200 Gold Star Family members on our 17TH annual summer boat cruise. It was a wonderful lakefront excursion aboard the *Spirit of Chicago*...a first-class event, as **we** (yes, with *your* help – **WE**) took care of everything: parking, food, entertainment, pictures, etc.

Our cruise ship was escorted by CPD Marine Units with blue lights flashing...and our guests enjoyed a CPD helicopter fly-over. Even Mother Nature agreed, giving us perfect weather to be on the water.

...And the most important component of our time together? We once again reminded Gold Star Families that the loved ones they lost in the line of duty **WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!**

Thank you to all who financially supported this outing! If you would like to join our mailing list so that you can help us with these worthwhile endeavors in the future, please visit our website, listed below, and click on the appropriate link.

We continue to remember those killed in the line of duty (as well as other deceased CPD family members) at the regular CPD Mass, celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 1100-1130 hrs at Mercy Home: 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard. No matter your faith tradition, ALL ARE WELCOME.

While I find the above events most life-giving—and as wakes, various ceremonies, benefits, meetings and appointments fill my schedule—I still find the highlight of my week is the time I spend on the streets with you...in *your* world, where “the thin blue line” keeps chaos at bay.

Thank you for the God-ordained ministry you perform every day! May God keep you safe in this most noble work.

See you on the street,

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